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(UNTITLED COMMENTARY)

(TEXT) IF THE SO-CALLED 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM HAS CREATED A FEW DIFFICULTIES FOR U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON AT A MOMENT WHEN THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HAS ENTERED ITS FINAL PHASE, IT HAS ALSO SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE HONOR AND PRESTIGE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS BEFORE THEIR PEOPLE, BECAUSE THE SO-CALLED STATEMENT, THE CONTENT OF WHICH BLUNTLY REVEALED THE SECRET CONTACTS AND SLY DEALINGS (AWN MANHR) BETWEEN COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES, FULLY EXPOSED THE VILE CHEATING AND HYPOCRITICAL NATURE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST LEADERS, WHO HAVE CARRIED OUT MANEUVERS TO DECEIVE THE POPULAR MASSES. AS A RESULT OF THE WILLFUL DECEIT BY THE PARTY AND STATE OF NORTH VIETNAM, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE WASTED A GREAT DEAL OF THEIR BLOOD AND BONES.

THE 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT UPSET ALL THEORIES OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS. FIRST, IT REVEALS THAT THE WAR IN VIETNAM IN GENERAL AND IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN PARTICULAR IS NEITHER A CIVIL WAR NOR AN UPRISING BY THE SOUTHERN PEOPLE, AS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE CONSTANTLY CLAMORED. FOR MANY YEARS THEY HAVE DISSEMINATED THIS ALLEGATION, DEPENDING ON IT TO RAISE THE PROBLEM OF LIBERATING THE SOUTH AS ONE OF THEIR LIFE-AND-DEATH MISSIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS CLAMOR, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE UNCEASINGLY BOASTED ABOUT THEIR VICTORIES AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT UNTIL FINAL VICTORY. OF COURSE, THIS IS ALSO A DECEITFUL COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA MANEUVER, BECAUSE THEY DID NOT MENTION THIS IN THEIR 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT. THEY NO LONGER STRESSED THE SO-CALLED SACRED MISSION OF LIBERATING SOUTH VIETNAM AND STOPPED PRETENDING TO BE BELLICOSE AND ARROGANT, AS THEY USUALLY DO. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY WANT CONCILIATION AND ARE READY TO SUFFER A FEW LOSSES PROVIDED THAT IT MAY BE REACHED.

OF COURSE, THIS IS NOT A SINCERE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM. THE PROBLEM MUST BE RECONSIDERED IN MANY ASPECTS. ANYHOW, FROM THE 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT ONE CAN SEE THAT NORTH VIETNAM SEEMED TO MAKE CONSESSIONS WITH SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND. HOWEVER, THE ADVANTAGES EXCEED THE DISADVANTAGES. ONE DISADVANTAGE FOR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IS THAT THEY HAVE LOST THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE FACE OF AN ADVERSARY, WHO, THEY KNOW, IS INVINCIBLE, AND IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY ARE AWARE THAT THEIR SLANDEROUS AND DISTORTING ARGUMENTS CANNOT TURN BLACK INTO WHITE.

AWARE THAT THE 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT WAS A NORTH VIETNAMESE MANEUVER AIMED AT PLAYING A DIRTY TRICK ON PRESIDENT NIXON AT THIS MOMENT, MANY PEOPLE AGREED THAT IT WAS ALSO A BIG STEP BACKWARD BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM, BECAUSE IN A WRITTEN DOCUMENT IT HAS INDIRECTLY ADMITTED THE TRUTH IT HAD PREVIOUSLY STUBBORNLY DENIED, NAMELY, THE POSITION AND IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE RVN GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

IN ITS 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM SHOWED ITS EMBARRASSMENT OVER THIS QUESTION, AND ITS PLEA REVEALED ITS BITTERNESS AT THE FACT THAT IN SOUTH VIETNAM THE RVN GOVERNMENT IS REALLY ENDOWED WITH POWER AND PLAYS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN A SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAM PROBLEM. COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM REVEALED ITS FEAR AND WORRY AT THIS TRUTH, AND BOWED ITS HEAD AND BEGGED THE UNITED STATES TO CARRY OUT WHAT IT HAS THUS FAR CONDEMNED AND VIEWED AS A VIOLATION OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S BASIC RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

IT IS CLEAR THAT, WHILE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS ARE OPENING THEIR LOUD MOUTHS TO SHOUT PRAISES FOR THE RIGHT TO NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION, THEY--THROUGH THEIR VERY OWN STATEMENT--DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES PLAY THE KEY ROLE AS A SORT OF MASTER OF THE SOUTHERN PEOPLE, TO (7ABANDON) THEIR INTERESTS UNDER A PEACE-SEEKING PRETEXT. INDEED, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE USED THE PEACE-SEEKING SHIELD TO COVER UP THEIR PAINFUL DEFEATS, AS WELL AS TO CAMOUFLAGE THEIR FUTURE INTENTIONS THROUGH WHAT THEY CALL THEIR GOOD WILL AND PROPOSAL TO THE UNITED STATES.

HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES, OWING TO ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS, COULD NOT OR PERHAPS DARED NOT VIOLATE THE TRUE MASTERSHIP RIGHT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. AS A RESULT, THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT SATISFY OR RESPOND TO THE INVITATIONS BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS, ESPECIALLY AFTE THE UNITED STATES LEARNED THAT THE RVN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE SEEMED TO BE ABLE TO READ THE MINDS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS WHEN THE LATTER PUT FORTH PROPOSALS HAVING THE TRUE NATURE OF A BOOBYTRAP OR A DELAYED-ACTION MINE.

THE UNITED STATES' ATTITUDE HAS DRIVEN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS INTO A GRUMBLING ANGRY MOOD, AND THEIR SO-CALLED 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT REFLECTS THEIR GRUDGE AND ANGER. THIS STATEMENT HAS THE NATURE OF AN ACT BY A MAN WHO DESTROYS EVERYTHING WHEN HE CANNOT GET THIS SHARE AND AT THE SAME TIME PLEADS HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO PUBLIC OPINION.

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS ARE CLEAR BUT NOT WISE. IN THEIR SO-CALLED STATEMENT, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS, DESPITE THEIR CARE TO LEAVE LOOPHOLES, EXPOSED MANY WEAK POINTS AND CONTRADICTIONS THAT PROMPT PEOPLE TO THINK THEY HAVE INADVERTENTLY MADE A CONFESSION. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE INDIRECTLY CONFESSED THEIR HOPELESSNESS IN THE WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SOUTH WHICH THEY HAVE PURSUED FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS. MOREOVER, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS STILL CANNOT HIDE THEIR TAIL--THEY STILL CLING TO THEIR FINAL OBJECTIVE OF TAKING OVER THE SOUTH BY USING WICKED AND PERFIDIOUS POLITICAL MANEUVERS LABELED THREE-SEGMENTS, CONCORD, RECONCILIATION AND SO FORTH.

NO ONE CAN BELIEVE IN THE GOOD WILL OF THE COMMUNISTS, WHOSE ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND. THEREFORE, THEIR MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO HANDLE ARTFUL WORDS CANNOT CAUSE ANY ILLUSION AMONG PUBLIC OPINION, ESPECIALLY THE OPINION OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MASSES. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT FOR THIS REASON, AFTER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS ANNOUNCED THEIR SO-CALLED 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT WITH THE MEANING OF PEACE IN EACH SENTENCE, THEY CAN ONLY RECEIVE AN INDIFFERENT AND CONTEMPTUOUS ATTITUDE FROM THE U.S. SIDE AS WELL AS AN EVER-INCREASING SCORN AND OPPOSITION FROM ALL STRATA OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, WHO CANNOT TOLERATE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST LEADERS' HABIT OF RAISING A TANTRUM AGAINST THE UNITED STATES WHEN THEY HAVE SHAMELESSLY ACTED IN AN EXTREMELY ODIUS MANNER?

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